ANC Council Notes
The September meeting of the ANC held on Tuesday, 9/21 provided a new format for residents who want to get involved. JoAnn Hoffman, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with announcements and requests for agenda items for next month’s meeting. See below “Information on Next Meeting” for October agenda items.

It was agreed that the usual time for ANC meetings this year will be the third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The first item discussed was Agassiz concerns regarding Lesley College. The neighborhood council office was contacted this summer on four separate occasions by people from Mellen St., Oxford St., Sacramento St. and Everett St. who voiced various concerns regarding Lesley as an institutional neighbor. In most cases residents were frustrated in their attempts to contact Lesley and have their concerns heard.

Some issues include:
• noise from students in dorms, late night activity, dumperet activity, and construction
• trash along streets and around Lesley buildings
• truck traffic on Mellen St.
• the construction of a recycling facility without any notification to abutters

One neighbor was annoyed to the point of asking the neighborhood council to consider requesting a Public Hearing on Lesley to discuss their lack of consideration for neighbors.

A committee was developed last Spring by the ANC, after the Traymore and Eustis Sts. area had organized to stop the attempt by Lesley to purchase the Oxford Garage and convert it into staff parking. This committee will meet with Lesley College President Margaret McKenna to discuss concerns on October 1. It is hoped that this meeting will open the door for useful discussion and communication between Lesley and Agassiz.

The second agenda item concerned Agassiz School demolition and construction. Since demolition has been postponed until November, discussion was put off until October. Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager, had tentatively agreed to attend the October ANC meeting to discuss demolition, and it was agreed that he should attend.

Members of the Oversight Committee discussed the committee’s structure during the upcoming demolition/construction phase of the Agassiz School. It was suggested that the ANC monthly meeting be used for Oversight Committee business, rather than have an additional meeting. This idea was well received by all, and it was agreed that the Oversight Committee would discuss these issues at their 10/14 meeting.

Neighborhood News
Memorial Hall Renovation
(Due to space limitations, this article will appear in two parts, the second in November. If you would like a copy of the entire article please call 349-6287.)

Background
The corner of Oxford & Kirkland will be a busy neighborhood construction site for the next 2 years. Harvard’s renovation of Lowell Lecture Hall will begin this Nov. and be finished sometime next summer. In late June 1994, Harvard will begin renovation of Memorial Hall, chiefly to convert Alumni Hall (at the west end of Memorial Hall) into the Freshman Dining Hall. At the same time Sanders Theater will be refurbished and its backstage areas increased to better serve both Harvard and the area arts community. A multipurpose student union will be created at the basement level under the freshman dining hall. In order to convert Alumni Hall into a
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Dining Hall, an addition must be built to house modern kitchen and food delivery facilities. The entire project is a huge one for Harvard with potentially great impact on the neighborhood.

Harvard invited representatives of both the Agassiz and Mid-Cambridge neighborhoods to meet for the last 6 months to preview Harvard’s plans and discuss the impact of those plans and how the negative impact on adjoining neighborhoods can best be mitigated. Harvard’s transportation consultant, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., attended all meetings, as did representatives of the Cambridge Traffic & Parking Dept., Community Development Dept., and the Cambridge Bicycle Advisory Committee. At all meetings, the Agassiz neighborhood has been represented by one or more of the following: David Valenstein, Astrid Dockx, Ken Basler, Jim O’Neill, John Hermanson. Two more meetings are scheduled, so what follows is necessarily an interim report.

The areas discussed include:
1) present transportation problems (pedestrian, bicycle, motor vehicle, parking, trucks, etc.)
2) future transportation problems that will come with use of Memorial Hall as a freshman dining hall and student union
3) how to balance the needs of thousands of pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles in this 1/4 mile area
4) the visual/aesthetic impact of the kitchen-loading dock addition to Memorial Hall

The Addition
To provide modern kitchen, food storage and delivery facilities, an addition will be built onto Alumni Hall on the north side of Memorial Hall near the Science Center — the side facing Oxford St. At a meeting to discuss the architectural merits of the addition, neighborhood representatives objected to some aspects of the proposed design and an attempt is being made to modify it so it does not present such a large, tall, blank expanse.

Food delivery
To honor the Oxford St. truck ban (already preliminary approved by the state), Harvard will require all food delivery vehicles to enter via Everett only and exit only via Kirkland & Quincy. Currently, a weekday average of 16 trucks deliver food to the freshman dining hall. An effort will be made to keep the number of trucks to a minimum by combining deliveries to other Harvard food service facilities in the area, reducing the number of food vendors, and increasing the size of deliveries. No truck will be over 34’ long. Harvard wants all deliveries to be between 8-10 am before student foot traffic reaches its peak, but there is concern that those hours overlap the morning rush hour. The Memorial Hall addition will include a truck loading dock with the capacity to receive pallets. 2 trucks can unload at once, while a 3rd waits. Trucks will pull in the west end of the present curved driveway (which will be slightly modified) and exit out the east side to Kirkland and Quincy. Harvard has promised to continually monitor what is happening and modify as the need arises.

Construction traffic
The Lowell and Memorial Hall construction schedule will keep that end of Oxford humming for almost exactly the same period the Agassiz school is being built. Harvard has promised to direct all construction traffic in on Everett St. only and out Kirkland and Quincy St. All workers will be bussed to the work site from the Business School parking lot across the river.

Traffic

The ANC Traffic Committee met on 9/21 with Deputy Dir. of Traffic & Parking Lauren Preston. The following is a quick update on current traffic issues; a more complete report will appear in the Nov. Whistler.

Reconfiguration of the top of Oxford.
Tests of 3 alternatives were conducted on 8/24. The emerging favorite is a combined peninsula and island which will be tested by itself again soon. Its approximate outline is now marked on the pavement. It will be built next year.

4-way traffic signal at Everett
The stop signs are an interim measure until 4-way traffic signals are installed next spring. Mr. Preston will check to see if “4-way stop ahead” signs are warranted. A study by Harvard’s transportation consultant last spring showed the following vehicle counts at Everett & Oxford: 831/hr. during AM peak hour; 1,111/hr. during PM peak hour; a 24-hour average vehicle count of 12,190.

The truck ban on Oxford
The State has approved a ban on trucks over 21/2 tons on Oxford St. Somerville and Cambridge will jointly post the street soon. Trucks delivering to an Oxford address can still use Oxford.

Crosswalks
The City is repainting 1700 crosswalks citywide this fall. Its annual budget for crosswalk painting is $55,000. Our effort to get more zebra crosswalks is being thwarted by the fact that a zebra crosswalk costs $250 every time it's
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Painted while a regular one costs $20-30. So only a few on our long list of requests for additional or zebra-striped crosswalks will be honored at this time. Those include:
- Wendell @ Mass. Ave. will be zebra striped
- Oxford @ Preniss will be zebra striped
Our effort to add a 4th crosswalk on Oxford @ Wendell is being suspended until 9/95 at the request of the school bus crossing guard there who prefers only one Oxford crosswalk to monitor. We will continue to press for zebra crosswalks on Garfield @ Oxford and Oxford @ Garfield both because they're needed and to mitigate the effect of school construction traffic.

School busses on Sacramento
It is the Traffic Committee's observation that school busses delivering children to 20 Sacramento for the ANC After-School program are having difficulty turning onto Sacramento from Mass. Ave. and onto Oxford from Sacramento. Parking at both ends of Sacramento may have to be further restricted to facilitate these moves, particularly in snowy or icy weather.

The 20' rule
Mr. Preston said he would impress upon the T&P ticketing officers the fact that parking within 20' of an intersection should be assiduously ticketed citywide — in particular at Wendell/Oxford and at the Mass. Ave./Wendell cash machine corner.

Visibility at Chesnut/Wendell
The US Postal Service will move the mail storage box which contributes to the dangerous lack of visibility at this intersection to one of the other 3 corners.

Pedestrian safety on Wendell @ Mass. Ave.
T&P has agreed to zebra-stripe the crosswalk and try to get the Walk light lit during the entire time pedestrians have the right of way. T&P has so far refused to post a "Yield to Peds in x-walk" sign there, preferring instead to eliminate the Right Turn on Red. We will continue to press for a less drastic remedy for the fact that cars block the x-walk 90% of the time.

Misaligned & burned out walk lights
Call 349-4700
Traffic & Parking doesn't know until you tell them. T&P wants your help. Keep this number handy and call them 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday.

A northbound bus stop at Porter Station?
Every big construction project generates its own long-term clean-up list and the Red Line extension is no exception. There is a southbound bus stop at Porter station but none northbound. If you agree that there should be one, or the original bus stop at Porter Exchange should be restored, please call Astrid Dodds, 354-6553, so we can get the City moving on this issue.

The next ANC Traffic Comm. meeting
will be an item on the agenda of the Tues., Oct. 19, neighborhood Council meeting, 7:30-9:30 pm, North Hall. Regulars and anyone with traffic concerns are urged to attend. We will decide then if anything warrants planning a separate Traffic Comm. meeting.

City Wide News and Information

Candidates Respond to ANC
The Agassiz Neighborhood Council invited all Cambridge candidates for both City Council and School Committee to send us 100 words that would include some biographical information, issues they say as important to the Agassiz neighborhood or anything else they would like to say to Agassiz neighbors.
The list below includes all candidates. If they submitted a statement it is included after the name. Some candidates ran over the 100 word limit, but we included their statements anyway. Incumbents are starred.

City Council Candidates 1995 Election
Michael A. Baldassaro 45 Porter St.

Manuel C. Barros 4 Marion St.
Manny Barros is not new to Cambridge, having immigrated with his family from Portugal when he was just two years old. His parents built a successful business in Cambridge, where he has lived his entire life. In declaring his candidacy for City Council, Barros said "I want to give something back to the city that has given so much to me and to my family. I want to help all of our citizens have a voice in the political decision-making process. My commitment is to public service, not career politics."
Manny graduated from Harrington School and Cambridge High and Latin. In 1977, he received a BA in Political Science where he is currently taking graduate business courses.

William Becez 24 Concord Ave.
Gloria M. Becks 130 Harvard St.
Thomas W. Beer 137 Mt. Auburn St.

Kathleen L. Born 3 Walnut Ave.
How can we improve this quality of city life while costs rise and revenues fall? This is the real issue facing voters in this election.
The Cambridge Chronicle said that my "diverse qualifications shine through." Past president of the Neighborhood Nine Association, small-businesswoman, Architect, mother of 4, resident of Cambridge for 23 years, I have the energy, the skills, and the experience to change the way the Council does business. The Boston Globe touted my "intelligence." I'll bring a fresh, inventive approach to city government, one that stresses practicality and efficiency. Your won't find me rehashing old arguments on the Council floor! I'll be finding new ways to solve old problems with less waste, less rhetoric, and more involvement from you, the voters of Cambridge.

*Ed Cyr 106 Dudley St.
Finishing his second term in the Council, Vice Mayor Ed Cyr is a widely recognized authority on municipal finance. He has lent that experience to the council as chairman of the all important Finance
I am a democrat who feels that rent control is not a progressive housing policy; it has failed and apartments should be vacuum decontrolled immediately. My respect for the business community is grounded in jobs, lowering the tax burden on residents, and increasing tax revenues which pay for schools, teen centers, health care, working mother day care, police foot patrols, and housing for needy residents, which I strongly advocate.

My future role on the council will be to assist the Agassiz neighborhood with the problems which will stem from the Agassiz School reconstruction and the ever increasing traffic congestion in the neighborhood. Recent sewage backup should be eliminated, police presence should be a priority, and open space preserved in a beautify neighborhood which should be applauded for all it has tolerated due to the heavy commercial activity along its borders.

William C. Jones 160 Norfolk St.
Paul T. Kearns 5 Gerry St.
Vivian Kurkjian 86 Buckingham St.
The problems faced by residents in the Agassiz Neighborhood area paralleled in other areas of Cambridge. These can be brush fires - or major threats to life and limb - traffic, poorly-designed developments, hazardous and unsafe conditions which arise when there is not a well-conceived master plan for a city.

Our most precious resource - water - is unprotected. At Fresh Pond Reservoir, people break down fences to fish and free running dogs swim in our fresh water supply. Dogs carry parasites which could contaminate our water supply. It is horrifying and unacceptable to me to hear that our fresh water supply is being used as a recreational site and as a toilet for dogs.

Randolph L. Lowet 43 Linnane St.
James F. McGrail 20 Orchard St.
Jim McGrail is a graduate of Georgetown University and is currently in his last year at Suffolk University Law School.

A neighborhood activist for many years, Jim cites the present Cambridge City Council's inability to decrease crime, control soaring water and sewer rates, improve our schools, and solve the rent control dilemma, as his impetus for running.

During the last three city elections, Jim has successfully managed School Committeeman, James J. Rafferty's three campaigns for elective office. Jim has been endorsed by former United States Speaker, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill and former state Attorney General James M. Shannon.

James J. McSweeney 20 Harrison Ave.
I bring to the council race an appreciation for the concerns of senior citizens, youth, businesses and property owners. As city councilor I will address critical neighborhood issues of zoning, city services, jobs, public safety and municipal finance.

For too long public policy debate has been marred by factionalism. I will add substance to what for decades has been simply an "us vs. them" attitude.

I have built a successful business in the specialized world of health care. I enjoy working with people and satisfying their needs. Public service in my community has long been my goal. I will have the independence to vote my conscience without worrying about pandering to any special constituency in order to stay in office.

Jonathan S. Myers 31 Chalk St.
Thank you to The Whistler for the opportunity to speak to the residents of the Agassiz neighborhood. The Agassiz neighborhood has a proud history, and tradition of activism on issues of importance.
During this term, I have followed and been involved in issues of concern to the Agassiz neighborhood such as the reconstruction of the Agassiz school, reducing traffic speed on Oxford St. and opposing Lesley College’s plan to build a new parking lot off Oxford St.

I make a point to respond to citizen concerns consistently, effectively, and with a sense of principle. I would be pleased to serve your needs on a daily basis.

Elaine Noble
457 Mt. Auburn St.
Educational Reform requires a kind of Agassiz Neighborhood council for every school in the Commonwealth. To build your experience into a city-wide arena, I propose an Education Committee for the City Council. The School Committee has authority over programs and policies, but the City Council has budgetary approval. This Committee must improve communication between schools, human services, health and other agencies, and demonstrate the value of education in the city’s budget. With four years on the Legislature’s Education Committee, and long professional experience in college teaching, I can contribute to that committee.

John Pitkin
18 Fayette St.
I have 20 years of experience leading and speaking for grass roots citizen groups in Cambridge. I have negotiated and when needed fought for them. I have worked with representatives of the Agassiz Neighborhood on issues of concern to Agassiz and my neighborhood, Mid-Cambridge, especially regarding relations with Harvard.

If elected, I will be a force and tireless advocate for the residents of Cambridge and the grass-roots neighborhood groups that do so much to make the city livable. I support specific measures to make the city administration more responsive to the Agassiz Neighborhood Council and other neighborhood groups.

Ron Potvin
46 Lopez St.

*Kenneth E. Reeves
11 Everett St.

As Mayor I have returned City hall to the people and neighborhoods of Cambridge. Having lived on Everett St. for many years, the Agassiz neighborhood is especially important to me. My record demonstrates consistent solutions to neighborhood problems, not just rhetoric. For example, I led the resolution of Cambridgeport rezoning, retained companies like Lotus and Stop and Shop, nearly tripled the number of summer youth jobs, led the establishment of the biotech job training program, revitalized the police department, and improved the schools.

Neighbors, I need your number #1 vote so that I can keep working for Agassiz and all of Cambridge.

*Sheila T. Russell
5 Hawthorne Park

Sheila Russell-Candidate for re-election to a fifth term. Served as Chair of Sub-committee on Elder Affairs for past two terms; member of Special Committee for the Sitting of CASPAR; Special Committee for Cambridgeport Zoning; Special Committee for Memorial Drive Stop and Shop. Founding member of the North Cambridge Crime Task Force, an active committee addressing public safety concerns in the North Cambridge neighborhood.

Issues of concern facing Agassiz neighborhood are public safety; traffic; and mitigation measures to minimize impact on neighborhood during the demolition and construction of the school. I would support any efforts to address these concerns and others which may affect the Agassiz neighborhood.

George A. Spartichino
93 Normandy Ave.

The Agassiz Neighborhood is a very good example of the power of citizens to improve their neighborhood.

I believe that it’s not a councilor’s place to tell a neighborhood what’s good for them. But instead, to help the neighborhood use the rules an regulations (that already exist in the city) to their advantage. Also, I would like neighborhoods to receive Legal Standing at the Board of Zoning Appeals to help control what happens in their neighborhoods.

Creation of a City wide neighborhood council.

Background: Parent, President C.H.N.A.-6 years, Member B.Z.A., Member Alewife Steering Committee, Chair C.H. Stabilization Committee, Coach youth hockey and baseball.

Michael A. Sullivan
28 Putnam Ave.

As you know, I am a long Beach resident, a graduate of both Boston College and Boston College Law School. Since graduation, I have served as a prosecutor in the Middlesex County District Att'y's Office and I am currently on leave from my position as an Asst. Att'y General of the Commonwealth, assigned to the consumer Protection Anti-Trust Division.

Within my announcement statement for the City Council I said that I believe the residents of this city are concerned with the need for adequate public safety for all our neighborhoods. As a public prosecutor, I have seen the ravages of crime first hand. I also strongly believe in quality education for the children of our community.

Furthermore, I believe that the city should begin to examine new initiatives to expand the affordable housing stock as well as open space for the passive and active recreational interests of our residents. Finally, I must say a word about our senior citizens who have made vital contributions to our city. They cannot be forgotten because their most productive years are behind them. If I should be elected I will fight for them as strongly as I will for public safety, education, housing and open space.

*Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
88 Sixth St.

Katherine Triantafillou
90 Reed St.

Alice Wolf says this of my candidacy: "Katherine Triantafillou is a progressive activist in the finest tradition. Your strong support will put a leader you can trust on the City Council."

*William H. Walsh
26 Hurbut St.

As a life long resident of Ward 7, I understand the problems in our neighborhood:

I favor community policing in our neighborhood. I oppose
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undue intrusion by Harvard in our neighborhood.
Harvard does not pay its fair share for City services and I
intend to renegotiate with the University regarding this situation.
I intend to work with the new City Council to reorganize our
government spending and to preserve human services and
public safety. I will fight to keep government from cutting services
which our neighborhood needs but insist on cutting extraneous
programs which could contribute to an override of Proposition 2
1/2.

Thomas P. Weed 14 Foster St.

Tom is a first time candidate, he did not seek endorsement
from the Harvard University, Tom is seeking common
ground this November and is running as an independent. He is
pro-rent control and has the support of the Cambridge Tenants
Union but he understands that some relief is due to small landlords
that are in genuine need. Tom's campaign theme is to "Empower
the Neighborhood" and he understands that the need for local communities
to have more control over city policy including: zoning, traffic and
parking, university expansion, and public safety. Tom favors
charter reform as the only permanent way to "Empower the
Neighborhoods" with District representation and fully funded
neighborhood councils. Tom, 47, lives with his wife and daughter
on Foster St.

Robert Winters 366 Broadway

I am best known for my efforts in developing the recycling
program, promoting backyard composting, and as an
environmental advocate. I strongly support principles of
sustainability in the areas of transportation, zoning, housing
and economic development. I support rent control and the rights of
property owners to maintain their buildings with adequate
cash flow. I have proposed a graduated system of rent controls
that strengthen controls in larger buildings and ease the burden
for owner-occupants of small rent-controlled buildings. I teach

mathematics at Wellesley College and serve as a Director of the
Central Square Neighborhood Coalition.

School Committee Candidates 1993 Election

Christine Arruda 3 James Way

I would like to commend the Agassiz Neighborhood Council and
all the parents who unselfishly gave of their time to establish a
smooth transition for Agassiz School children. The Massachusetts
Education Reform Act of 1993 mandates each school district to
set higher levels of achievement, guidelines for discipline, special
education programs and school choice. But before we can focus
on some of these issues, we must address some fundamental
changes.

1st-We must establish a standard curriculum in all 14
elementary schools.

2nd-The establishment of Core Values throughout the
school district; principles of hard work, responsibility, and
integrity should stand behind our efforts to educate and be
educated. And

3rd-To insure a safe environment in which every student
can achieve.

Henrietta Davis 120 Chestnut St.

After six years on the School Committee, I've seen much
improvement, but more remains to be done. Parent Involvement-
I want to assure that under Education Reform parents voices
continue to be heard around crucial issues like the hiring of
principals. Long Range Planning- Because of increasing
enrollment, we will need one additional school before the year
2000. In addition, we need to implement long-term budgeting.
Curriculum reform- After years of advocating for science education
reform, I am pleased that we will have a curriculum in coming for
every child. I want Cambridge schools to have excellent curriculum
in all core areas for every child.

Alfred B. Fantini 4 Canal Park

John D. Fitzpatrick 60 Brattle St.

My candidate for the School Committee is the result of my
concerns as a parent about the schools. I am a lawyer and a
former special needs teacher who lives in Harvard Square with
my wife and one year old daughter. I was born in Boston and grew
up in Stoughton, where I attended public school. I came to
Cambridge as a law student at Harvard, where I received my law
degree in 1987. The focus of my campaign is the need to return
academic excellence as a priority to our schools. I believe in
measures such as core curriculum and mandating that students
achieve proficiency in fundamental skills before they graduate from
CRLS.

Salvatore F. Franconi 74 Kirkland St.

My name is Salvatore Franconi and I am an alum of the
Agassiz school and a lifelong resident of the Agassiz neighborhood.
As a member of the school committee, I will make sure that our
community has the strong representation necessary to maintain
the high quality of programs found at the Agassiz school.
The Agassiz school has been successful in preparing our
children for the 21st century by placing special emphasis on
science and creative writing. We must fight to maintain current
level funding for the availability of science resources and staff. I
advocate the expansion of creative writing courses and English
curriculum that is developed to prepare Agassiz school students for
essay and thesis oriented writing at the high school level.
Many parents throughout the Agassiz neighborhood have
invested much time, love and devotion to the education of their
children. In return, they ask for academic excellence. I am
running for school committee because I hope to be the strong
voice for the Agassiz neighborhood. I will personally strive to
Agassiz Crime Report
Courtesy of the Police Commissioner's Office

Annual average for target crimes
Based on the record of the 1986-1990 period

- House Breaks: 13 per year
- Street Robbery: 3 per year
- Auto Theft: 13 per year
- Larceny from Auto: 16 per year
- Malicious Destruction: 9 per year

Neighborhood #: Agassiz

Boundaries: Rambled by Mass Ave, Highland Street, and the Somerville/Cambridge line.

Population: 5152

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed by B & R. Demarcated by suitable cars.


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Some openings still exist in ANC afterschool and preschool programs. Call Jody Garber at 349-6287 for more information or a brochure.

Joseph G. Grassi
391 Cambridge St.

"Put your child in the hands of an educator." This is my slogan, but what does it mean? Too often the School committee becomes an arena for politicians looking for a "stepping stone." I am an educator first and foremost committed to the education of Cambridge's children, and not the latest polls.

Through staff development programs to meet the changing needs of students, a curriculum guide to ensure city-wide standards, and the empowerment of our parents and communities, we can work together to ensure that education is the only item on the agenda. With your support, I can serve your and your children.

Henry J. Lukas
94 Larchwood Drive

Cambridge needs School Committee members who have substantial knowledge about the schools and broad experiences with educational issues. My 25 year career in education plus being a parent of a child in the system gives me such a background.

If elected, I can bring to the Committee a demonstrated commitment to quality instruction and strong support for progressive change. I will also demand parental and teacher involvement in setting school policies and will carefully monitor expenditures. I am also excited about the construction of the new Agassiz School and the great potential this creates for the community.

The passage of the Educational Reform Bill gives the School Committee a new role in directing our schools. As a high school principal I am already familiar with this legislation. By serving on the committee, I can help bring about the positive reform this bill demands.

I ask for your vote on November 2.

*David P. Maher
120 Appleton St.

*Denise Simmons
188 Harvard St.

I wish to thank the Agassiz Community for allowing me to act for them as a member of the school committee. Some issues addressed were: School Safety: We obtained a school crossing

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Guard at a dangerous intersection. Equitable Treatment: I chair a committee that reviews school policy. This is to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity to reach his or her potential.

Community Involvement: Formed Citizen and parent groups to receive information and input from the community. Administrative Review: I proposed and obtained the rule that notification of personnel hired by the Superintendent, must be given to the committee.

Every child is a promise. With your continued support I will use every effort to fulfill that promise.

Robert V. Travers, Jr.
54 Fulkerson St.

Backyard Composters at Discount prices
As the Fall leaf season approaches, we all think about raking leaves, bagging them and dragging them to the curb. The City of Cambridge and Cambridge Recycling Volunteers offer an alternative: Animal-proof backyard composting units at discount prices (cash and carry). Call 661-9230 for more information.

Sunday October 3rd 2-6 p.m. Harvest Cooperative Supermarket 581 Mass. Ave. and Sunday October 17th 1-5 p.m.Cambridge Public Library 449 Broadway

Agassiz School Update

Oversight Committee Update

The next Oversight meeting is Thurs., Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. at North Hall. It is vital that all Oversight regulars attend this meeting because there are critical procedural decisions to make about the future of the Oversight Committee. Ken Basler has resigned as Chair. We still hope to review demolition and construction contracts before they go out to bid. The old school will be demolished in Nov. The new school will be begun in early March. The agenda for 10/14 will include (but not be limited to):
1) Shall we select a 3-person Steering Committee to keep an eye on things between meetings?
2) Are we going press for a paid part-time Oversight Comm. support person?
3) Shall we discontinue monthly Oversight meetings and instead make school construction issues the 2nd hour of the monthly neighborhood Council meeting?
4) It would be a pity for 2 years of very hard work by 17 people to go down the drain at this stage of the game. Please come to the Oct. 14 Oversight meeting. If we play our cards right, it might be our last!
# Community Calendar
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*You must register to vote by October 13 for the November 2 Election.*
*You can register in the ANC Community Room (corner of Wendell and Mass. Ave.) on Wednesday October 6 between 5-8 p.m.*

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**Vote November 2**

There have been some changes in Ward 7 precincts. Ward 7 precincts 1 and 2 vote at the North Prospect Church 1803 Mass. Ave. (corner of Roseland St.) Call the election commission 349-4361 for additional information.

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